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Identical letters dated 11 October 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

At 1415 hours on 30 September 2013, an Israeli enemy military launch violated Lebanese territorial waters opposite Ra's al-Naqurah between buoys Nos. 4 and 6 and proceeded for some 20 metres before returning to occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

At approximately 1636 hours on 1 October 2013 at a location near the Israeli enemy's Radar position in the occupied Shab'a Farms, four Israeli enemy personnel crossed the line of withdrawal and proceeded as far as the point having coordinates Q758070–N692186, or some 296 metres inside Lebanese territory. They attempted to abduct Abdullah Zahrah, a Lebanese shepherd, as he was herding livestock in the above-mentioned area. This violation was confirmed by personnel of the Indian contingent belonging to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

At 1050 hours on 2 October 2013, four Israeli enemy military launches put in place buoy No. 5. One of those launches violated Lebanese territorial waters and proceeded for some 10 metres before returning to occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

These acts are a blatant violation of my country's sovereignty and the relevant international resolutions, including Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). They are also a flagrant contravention of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and provisions of international law. I call on the Security Council to condemn these violations in the strongest terms and to compel Israel to halt its violations of Lebanon's sovereignty and fulfil all its obligations pursuant to resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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